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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 118
CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLANNING

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 102 which remains in effect, good progress has been made in Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government planning, particularly with regard to identification of alternate work facilities; and

WHEREAS, the possibility of a pandemic influenza event is real and demands planning effort in government as well as the private sector; and

WHEREAS, efforts are well underway to minimize the effects of pandemic influenza on North Carolina citizens; and

WHEREAS, personnel shortages that could result from a pandemic influenza or other widespread disease event have not heretofore been included in Continuity of Operations planning; and

WHEREAS, should multiple State agencies at once need alternate work facilities or to continue work during significant personnel shortages, an overarching Continuity of Operations plan for State Government is necessary to assure a coordinated response; and

WHEREAS, a standard format will lead to more consistent, understandable, and executable Continuity of Operations plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. By August 1, 2007, each North Carolina Executive Branch agency (at the Division level) will include in its Continuity of Operations Plan provisions to deal with a pandemic influenza event. Plans will be developed using guidance available from the North Carolina Office of State Personnel, the North Carolina Division of Public Health, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Section 2. The North Carolina State Government Complex Continuity of Operations Plan, dated June 4, 2007, is promulgated by this Order. All North Carolina Executive Branch agencies are directed to cooperate in implementing provisions of this plan.